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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION--PANAMANIAN REPORT ON CANAL ZONE
DISCRIMINATION

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1. SENIOR FRG DELEGATION SOURCE AT SUBJECT MEETING PROVIDED
EMBASSY APRIL 12 WITH RUNDOWN OF HANDLING OF PANAMANIAN COMPLAINT
BY COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (CERD)
ON APRIL 7.

2. LENGTHY PANAMANAIN REPORT (110 PAGES) CHARGING DISCIMININA-
TION IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE (CERD C/8) SERVED AS BASIS FOR
DISCUSSION OF COMPLAINT, WHICH OCCUPIED MOST OF DAY'S PRO-
CEEDINGS. PANAMANIAN REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WAS DESCRIBED BY
EMBASSY SOURCE AS FOOTBALL HERO AND FOLK POET SOMEWHAT
OUTSIDE HIS GENRE, ATTEMPTED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO OBTAIN,
EITHER BY RESOLUTION OR CONSENSUS, CONDEMNATION OF U.S.
FOR ITS WAGE AND HOUSING PRACTICES IN CANAL ZONE. SOVIET
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UNION DELEGATION REPORTEDLY WORKED IN LESS OPEN FASHION IN
DEVELOP RESOLUTION AND, WHEN UNSUCCESSFUL, TO GENERATE
CONSENSUS LOOKING TOWARD CENSURE OF USG IN SOME FORM.

3. ON OTHER HAND, AUSTRIAN DELEGATE AMBASSADOR NETTEL,
WHO HEADS AUSTRIAN MISSION IN GENEVA, REPORTEDLY MADE
INITIAL PRESENTATION CLAIMING THAT PANAMANIAN REPORT

WAS WHOLLY OUTSIDE COMPETENCE OF COMMITTEE, AN ACTION FOR WHICH CHAIRMAN CORRECTED HIM, INDICATING COMMITTEE DID HAVE AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH MATTER.

4. ACCORDING TO FRG SOURCE, CERD IN THE END ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS SAME POSITION IT HAD TAKEN ON FIRST PANAMANIAN REPORT IN 1971, NAMELY TO CALL UNGA'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT PANAMA IS PREVENTED FROM OBSERVING CONVENTION ON ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ON ALL PARTS OF ITS SOVEREIGN TERRITORY BECAUSE OF PANAMA CANAL ZONE CONTROVERSY WITH USG. FOREGOING POSITION IS EXPECTED TO BE INCORPORATED INTO CERD REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR LATTER'S CONSIDERATION AT 1977 FALL SESSION.

5. WE ARE ARRANGING TO OBTAIN COPIES OF PERTINENT CERD DOCUMENTS FOR TRANSMISSION TO DEPARTMENT (IO/UNP).MEEHAN

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